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Co., Ningpo; LANE, CRAWFORD &
Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Yunnan;
LAW, OXFORD & Co., and KELLY
& Co.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,500,000
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION.....\$2,000,000
DIVIDENDS.....\$2,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-
PRIETORS.....\$7,500,000

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS.
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Banks.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate
of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily
balance.

On Fixed Deposits.—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities,
and every description of Banking and
Exchange business transacted.

Drugs granted, on London, and the
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,
Australia, America, China, Japan, and
Venezuela.

JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 28, 1886. 1847

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG
SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will
be conducted by the Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their
premises in Hongkong. Business hours
on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10
to 1.

2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250
at one time will not be received. No
depositor may deposit more than \$2,500
in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having
\$100 or more at their credit may at
their option transfer the same to the
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cor-
poration on fixed deposit for 12 months
at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 2 per cent. per
annum will be allowed to depositors on
their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis
with a Pass-Book which must be pre-
sented with each payment or with-
drawal. Depositors must not make
any entries themselves in their Pass-
Books but should send them to be
written up at least twice a year, about
the beginning of January and begin-
ning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of
the Bank if required, on Hongkong
Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free
by the various British Post Offices in
Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand,
but the personal attendance of the
depositor or his duly appointed agent,
and the production of his Pass-Book
are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,
JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, June 7, 1881. 1841

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK
CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000
PAID-UP.....\$2,500,000

REGISTERED OFFICE,
40, THE RADFORD STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:
India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE Bank receives Money on Deposit,
buys and sells Bills of Exchange,
issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for
Collection, and transacts Banking and
Agency Business generally on terms to be
had on application.

Interest allowed on Deposits.—
Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 "

" 3 " 3 "

On Current Deposit Accounts 2 per cent.
per annum on the daily balance.

APPROVED CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL
BANK CORPORATION, in Liquidation, or the
Balances of such Claims purchased on ad-
vantageous terms.

Agency of
THE NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE
SOCIETY.

H. A. HERBERT,
Manager,
Hongkong Branch.

Hongkong, May 31, 1886. 1868

Notice of Firm.

NOTICE.

WE HAVE TO-DAY ESTABLISHED a
BRANCH of our Firm at this port.
W. HEWETT & Co.

16, Bank Buildings,
Hongkong, September 20, 1886. 1802

Intimations.

TENDERS

FOR REPAIRS of the Norwegian
Barque *NOTTID* will be RECEIVED
at the Office of the Undersigned up to
Noon, on THURSDAY, the 30th Instant.

Separate Tenders are requested for—
1.—Masts, Spars and Iron Work, com-
plete.

2.—REPAIRS to Hull above COPPER, and
TWO NEW BOATS.

3.—STANDING RIGGING fitted complete.

4.—ONE SUIT SAILS, complete.

5.—DOCKING for EXAMINATION.

6.—COFFERING if required.

For Particulars of the Work, apply to the
Master on Board.

The Undersigned do not bind themselves
to accept the lowest or any Tender.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 22, 1886. 1823

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

Hongkong, September 13, 1886. 1763

Banks.

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PRIETORS.....\$7,500,000

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

Hongkong, September 13, 1886. 1763

Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EX-
TRAORDINARY General MEET-
ING of the above-named Company will be
held at the Registered Office of the
Company, Pedder's Street, Victoria, in the
Colony of Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY,
the 13th day of October, 1886, at 12 of
the Clock, Noon, when the subjoined Reso-
lution, which was passed at the Extraordi-
nary General Meeting of the Company held
on the 20th day of September, 1886, will be
submitted for Confirmation as a Special
Resolution.

RESOLUTION.—
That Article No. 17 in the Articles of
Association be altered by eliminating
therefrom the figures \$100,000,
where they appear twice therein and
substituting for such figures, the
figures \$100,000.

JARDINE, MATHEWS & Co.,
General Managers.

Dated 20th day of September, 1886. 1809

THE CHINESE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

Hongkong, September 15, 1886. 1779

Notice.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company
will be CLOSED from the 23rd to the
30th Instant, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors.

SAM'L J. GOVER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, September 15, 1886. 1779

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LIMITED.

Hongkong, September 15, 1886. 1779

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the
Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the
SHAREHOLDERS of the Society will be
held at its HEAD OFFICE, Hongkong, on
SATURDAY, the 2nd PROXIMATE, at 12
o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Directors, together with
Statement of Accounts for the year 1885,
and for the half-year ending 30th June,
1886.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Society
will be CLOSED from the 23rd Instant to
the 2nd PROXIMATE, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board.

N. J. EDE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, September 20, 1886. 1814

HONGKONG HOTEL.

THE HOTEL is now prepared to SUPPLY
PICNIC PARTIES, &c., with all
Requirements on Moderate Terms.

A. FONSECA,
Assistant Manager.

Hongkong, September 7, 1886. 1726

CHINA AND JAPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY.

Hongkong, September 22, 1886. 1827

(HONGKONG EXCHANGE.)

THE above COMPANY is about to
OPEN A BRANCH at this Port to
be worked on the same principle as the
SHAHPOH EXCHANGER, which has met with
the greatest success since instruments of
the latest pattern have been in use.

Subscription for One Telephone is \$80
per annum, payable Quarterly in advance.

ELECTRIC BELLS, &c., SUPPLIED.

For full Particulars, apply to

A. J. THOMPSON,
4, Club Chambers,
Agent.

CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE CO.,
Hongkong.

Hongkong, September 22, 1886. 1827

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

IT is hereby notified that for the present
and until a GOVERNMENT OFFICER is
appointed in CHARGES of the GOLD FIELDS,
the Government reserve the full right of
REFUSING PERMITS to Europeans,
AUSTRALIANS or AMERICANS to reside or
work in the Segama Gold Fields District.
By His Excellency's Command,

L. B. VON DONOE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Sandakan, 26th August, 1886. 1824

GRIFFITH'S NEW VIEWS OF HONGKONG

NOW READY,
1, DUDDELL STREET.

GRIFFITH & CO., MANUFACTURERS OF THE LONDON & BORNEO STEAMSHIP, Continue to Supply:

SODA WATER LEMONADE,
TONIC GINGERADE,
SALTZER RASPBERRYADE,
SARSAPARILLA & GINGERADE, &c., &c.

At the same Moderate Charge.

Hongkong, August 30, 1886. 1868

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS
are requested to send in a STATEMENT of
Business Contributed during the Half-
Year ended 30th June, 1886, on or before
the 30th September next, on which date
the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

DAVID GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, September 16, 1886.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

THE GROUND will be OPEN for PRACTI-
CATION and LAWN TENNIS on MONDAY,

the 27th Instant.

CHARLEMEN desireous of proposing NEW
MEMBERS will find Lists for that purpose in

the HONGKONG CLUB and CRICKET PAVILION.

The Opening Match '11 x

For Sale.

JEN, FRICKEL & Co.
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL

—10—

HAVE FOR SALE
THE FOLLOWING
STORES.

—0—

EX AMERICAN MAIL STEAMER.
Smoked HAMS.

Golden SYRUP in Gallon Tins.

Assorted SYRUPS.

CUTTING'S Table FRUITS.

ASPARAGUS.

Queen OLIVES.

Sausage MEAT.

CAVIA.

Potted MEATS.

MACKEREL in 5lb Tins.

Eagle Brand MILK.

Lau's TONGUES.

Green CORN.

Baked BEANS.

BRAINS.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT
ofCOOKING AND PARLOUR
STOVES.AGATE IRON WARE COOKING
UTENSILS.

WOFFLES IRONS.

CHARCOAL IRONS.

KEROSENE LAMPS.

NONPARCEL KEROSENE OIL.

—1—

WINES, &c.

SPARKLING SAUMUR, Pts. & Qts. @ \$11 and \$12.

CUP CHAMPAGNE, Pts. & Qts. @ \$12 and \$14.

SACCONI'S SHERRY.

ROYAL GLENLEW WHISKY.

JAMESON'S WHISKY.

OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

HEMING'S CHERRY CORDIAL.

ASSORTED LEQUEURS.

DRAUGHT, ALE and PORTER.

&c., &c., &c.

THE USUAL ASSORTMENT

of
OILMAN'S STORES,
at the
Lowest Possible Prices
FOR CASH.MACEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
Hongkong, July 1, 1886. 1268

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s
CHAMPAGNE,
Quarts.....\$20 per Case of 1 doz.
Pints.....\$21 " 3 "Dubos Frères & de Germon & Co.'s
BORDEAUX CLARETS AND
WHITE WINES.

Baxter's Celebrated 'Barley Brix'.

WHISKY, \$7 1/2 per Case of 1 doz.

GIBR. LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, July 18, 1886. 1187

SZE HOP

HAS FOR SALE SAI KUNG LIME of
the Best Quality; always ready on
hand.

PRICE MODERATE.

No. 17, WING FOONG STREET,
QUEEN'S ROAD EAST,
Hongkong, July 26, 1886. 1443

To Let.

TO LET.

ROOMS in 'COLLEGE CHAMBERS'
No. 7 and 8; SEYMOUR TERRACE.
Apply to
DAVID BASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, July 23, 1886. 632

TO BE LET.

FROM the 1st September next, the remain-
ing portion of the NEW PRE-
MISES, BANK BUILDINGS, immediately
opposite the HONGKONG HOTEL, the main en-
trance. The Ground Floor has Two Handsome
Plate-glass Shop frontages each of 40
feet, and the Rooms of the First and Second
Floors are airy, and some of them ex-
ceptionally large.

From the 1st of November.

B R E E Z Y P O I N T,
ROBINSON ROAD.Also, Now Ready,
GODDOWNS at WEST POINT,
LARGE and SMALL.Apply to
SHARP & Co.

Hongkong, September 11, 1886. 1752

TO LET.

FROM the 1st September next, the com-
modious PREMISES known as the
P. & O. OLD OFFICES, lately in the occupa-
tion of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK
INCORPORATION.For further particulars, apply to the
undersigned.E. L. WOODIN,
Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, August 21, 1886. 1614

TO LET.

No. 2, DOUGLAS VILLAS. Posses-
sion from the 1st July next.Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, May 31, 1886. 1084

TO LET.

A FIVE-BOOMED HOUSE at the PEAK.
Good TENNIS GROUND attached.

Apply to

DENNYS & MOSSOP.

Hongkong, January 28, 1886. 192

Intimations.

NOTICE.

A LADY of great experience in the Management of Children wishes to take entire charge (or otherwise) of a little Girl, who could be brought up with her own aged ten. Healthy country home about a dozen miles out of London. Educational advantages, especially for Music. Parents living abroad would be assured that their little one would meet with every care and sympathy.

References kindly permitted to the Rev. St. Turner, 11, Cannon Place, Hampstead, N.W.; Rev. E. C. Ince, Sunbury House, Watford, Herts; Rev. and Mrs. H. Russell, Ashford, Kent; Editor, *China Mail*, Hongkong; and others.

Terms—According to requirements.

Hongkong, July 28, 1886. 1416

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.
MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,
Surgeon Dentist,
(Formerly Apothecary and Late-
ly Assistant to Dr. Rogers.)

At the urgent request of his European
and American patients and friends,
has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occu-
pied by Dr. Rogers,

No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to missionaries and families.

2, DUDDELL STREET,
(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, January 12, 1886. 46

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are
respectfully informed that, if upon their
arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the
Commodore's FOREMEN should be at
hand, Orders for REPAIRS to be sent to the
H. Office No. 14, Fregat Street, will
receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found
necessary, Communication with the Under-
signed is requested, when immediate steps
will be taken to rectify the cause of dis-
satisfaction.

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1458

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON
WHARF, GODOWN AND CARGO-
BOAT COMPANY.

THE Company will receive STEAMERS
and SAILING VESELS alongside their
Wharves at Kowloon, and Land, Re-ship,
and/or Store GENERAL CARGO, SILK,
OIL, COTTON, GEAN or MERCHANTISE in
First-Class Granite Godowns at Cheap Rates.
Also COALS in specially constructed Sheds.
For the convenience of Commanders and
Storers the Company's Agents, Hongkong,
will convey to and fro those intended Fares of
CHARGE, starting from the Padde's Wharf
every hour from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and
from the Wharf at Kowloon at the half-
hour.

For further Particulars, apply to
W. KERFOOT HUGHES,
Agent,
Padde's Street.

Hongkong, February 17, 1886. 331

Intimations.

NOTICE.

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.
Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers,
Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL SCIENTIFIC AND
METEOROLOGICAL
INSTRUMENTS.

VOIGTLÄNDER'S CELESTIAL
BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES.

RITECH, LIQUID AND OTHER COMPASSES,
ADMIRALTY AND IMRAY CHARTS,

NAUTICAL BOOKS.

ENGLISH SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATED WARE,
CHRISTOFF & Co.'S ELECTRO-PLATED WARE,
GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY,

in great variety.

D I A M O N D S

— AND —

D I A M O N D JEWELLERY,

A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON
PATRONS, at very moderate prices. 742

CONSIGNERS of Cargo by the above-
named Vessel are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-
signed for countersignature, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-
signees' risk and expense.

M E L C H E R S & Co.

Hongkong, September 25, 1886. 1812

THE LEE YUEN SUGAR REFINING
COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that a General
MEETING of the Company will be
held on WEDNESDAY, the 5th of Octo-
ber, 1886, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon,
at the Office of Evans, Solicitor, No. 45,
Queen's Road, for the purpose of having the
Account of the Liquidation laid before the
Company and of hearing the explanation of
the Liquidators.

Dated 25th September, 1886. 1846

ANDREW JOHNSTON,
LAU WAI CHUEN,
LI KING TIN.

Liquidators.

Hongkong, September 25, 1886. 1847

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

A Regular MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS'
HAL, Zeeland Street, on MONDAY, the
4th October, at 8.30 or 9 p.m., precisely.
Visiting BRETHREN are cordially invited.

For Freight, &c., apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 25, 1886. 1845

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL
(Taking cargo at through rates to
NEW YORK.)

The Co. is Steamship
Kaisers.

W. S. THOMSON, Com-
mander, will be despatched
as above on MONDAY, the 27th Inst.,
at 5 p.m.

For Freight, &c., apply to

RUSSELL & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, September 25, 1886. 1844

GERMAN BARQUE PAPA, Captain O.
L. HENNE, FROM HAMBURG.

CONSIGNERS of Cargo by the above
Vessel are hereby requested to send in
their Bills of Lading to the Under-
signed for countersignature, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at
landed and stored at Consignees' risk and
expense.

SIEMENS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 25, 1886. 1843

HONGKONG AND KOWLOON
WHARF, GODOWN AND CARGO-
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Agent.

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Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Mr T. Gray, Acting Chief Inspector of Police, has, we learn, been appointed, Chief Clerk at the Magistracy.

The Shanghai Courier of the 20th instant contains a letter from a correspondent in which attention is drawn to a disgraceful state of affairs which exists in a European sailors' boardinghouse called the 'American Home,' kept by a coloured man named Holmes. In the letter it is stated that 36 seamen are crowded into a room 18 feet by 12 feet, while sheep, hogs and chickens are quartered at the back of the hoses. As a consequence of this overcrowding and the insanitary surroundings, it is stated that cholera had broken out among the boarders. The letter also states that one man has died, one was just dying, while six other men were in hospital awaiting the results of the same malady contracted in the same domicile. The Courier, in an article on the same subject, says the correspondent has by no means overstated the case, and adds that it is informed that within three days twelve men from the same house had been admitted into the hospital. The Courier naturally makes this a text for passing a number of strictures on the sanitary authorities. It is to be hoped there are no such man-traps in Hongkong.

It is scarcely a credit to the Colony that one of its principal thoroughfares, where perhaps the most business is done, should be littered over with hucksters' stalls and gambling tables, so that it is absolutely impossible to pass along the pavement, and one must go out into the broiling sun in the street if one wishes to make progress along the road. Yet such is the condition of the Praya Central, from Massrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s offices to the offices of the P. & O. Company. Time after time, the attention of the authorities has been called to the matter; but with the exception of a fitful show of exertion and a paltry fine now and again at the police soon to be inclined to wink at the obstruction and let passers by light their way as best they can through hordes of gambling ecclesiasts on the pavement. One of those fitful efforts was made by the police to-day and three Chinamen were fined \$1.50 and one \$2 for obstructing the Praya. But doubtless to-morrow the place will be as bad as before, and the coolies and hucksters will remain unmolested for a month or two until a fresh outcry against the nuisance is made. Such paltry fines and such perfunctory interference by the police will never put down the evil. Steady systematic interference is the only means of clearing the obstructionists away and it is the duty of the police authorities to see that the constables energetically carry out such measures.

H. E. Kung, the now Taotai of Shanghai, took over the seals of his office on Saturday the 8th instant. All the local officials went to the yamen to congratulate him.

El Echo de Shanghai, of the 19th instant, says that Mr Yuen, the Chinese Resident in Cochin, has been recalled, as we expected, to be the result of Mr Denby's visit to Tientsin. The same paper gives Mr Wang Tsao, a member of the Hanlin, as his successor.—N.C.D. News.

CHINAMEN have already found their way to the Kimberley district, where their immigration is looked upon with apprehension. 200 Chinese recently on their way to Hongkong by steamer, were anxious to land there, but as soon as an inkling of their intention got abroad, the white miners were on board and told the Captain plain that they would not have them landed. Should any Chinaman put in an appearance in that quarter, these miners will in all likelihood take the law into their own hands.—*Strait Times*.

THE WEST has been boasting for some time about its big-hulled Lake steamers, but it will soon be able to boast no longer. The Morse firm of shipbuilders, of Bath, are now getting material together for the first five-masted schooner for use on salt water. She will be the largest vessel with a fore and aft rig ever constructed, having a carrying capacity quite equal to that of modern four-masted ships, or over 2,000 tons. Not satisfied with this, it is said there is now the possibility of building a six-masted schooner, with a carrying capacity of 100,000 cases of oil.—*New York Maritime Register*.

According to the *Politische* of Vienna, an Austrian officer coming from Karsza describes the condition of the insurgents as wretched in the extreme. On the other hand, Shouhi Pasha, who is on the Egyptian frontier, has received information that the Mahdi's successor has fallen in an engagement with the Emir of Dafur. Three rivals for the Mahdi's post at once sprang up, one of whom was Osman Digma. The rebels have for some time past been cut off from the sea-coast, the chief source of their ammunition. England, Egypt, and Italy, it is said, are combining together to blockade the strip of coast in question, and a convention is reported to have been practically concluded between the three Governments on this subject.

STEAMERS with disabled machinery and under the very limited amount of canvas spread by most of them are often placed in very dangerous situations. Their great length and small width make them clumsy at such times. You apparently this risk could be avoided. If two or three propellers acting independently were adopted there would be very little if any cause for anxiety for the steamer's safety. If one crank shaft was disabled the other could keep on working and good progress still be made on the log and good progress still be made on the voyage. Seldom, if ever, would it happen that both shafts would be damaged at the same time. This will no doubt yet become a feature of passenger steamers, and will be urged by competitors as an almost infallible means of safety to those vessels. In the saving of time and the expense with regard to salage service it would appear to justify the additional cost entailed upon the passenger. It points a way out of a difficulty in cases of disabled machinery at sea that steamship owners have not yet considered.—*New York Maritime Register*.

The Patent Office authorities at Washington have reinstated Professor Gray's application to have the invention of the telephone registered in his name. If the Professor should establish the priority of his discovery, it would vitiate Bell's patent.

A BERLIN telegram of Aug. 13 says the Chinese Ambassador to England and Russia, Liu, has continued his journey to St. Petersburg. A correspondent in the Russian capital says that the studied attention shown to the Marques Tsang on the occasion of his visit to Germany have aroused suspicions in political circles there, as there is seen a fresh danger to Russia, and those who regard a German-Russian war as inevitable have already pictured Russia as engaged both west and east. This feeling of apprehension has found expression in the press, a portion of which is only too glad to justify the uncaring attack on Germany. The Paulsker organ observes: "Had we only had among our diplomats in St. Petersburg men who knew the strength of Russia and were sincerely attached to the throne, the Chinese Ambassador would have understood that Russia is more powerful than Germany, that her future will be greater than Germany's, and that, therefore, it would be better to make friends with Russia than with Germany. But our diplomats are mostly men who do not know Russia, and to us the forgetfulness of the Marques Tsang is not at all incomprehensible."

The German commercial world, as represented by some of its organs, entertains very sanguine anticipations regarding the benefits it will derive from the establishment of the Russian Asiatic railway through Siberia and Central Asia. It is through these disengaging conditions, has enjoyed two-thirds of the import trade to the Caucasus, and that at present owing to the increased reputation of her manufacturers for cheapness and genuineness, it is no longer necessary to smuggle them into the country under the disguise of French and English brands, as was at first the case, and that they are now sold in the open market for what they really are. It is represented as beyond a doubt that the Transcaspian Railway will tend to spread a knowledge of the superiority of German goods over all others among the peoples of Central Asia, who have hitherto languished in ignorance thereof, and that the industry and skill of the Fatherland will be able to drive all competitors out of field. Regarded from this point of view, it is only natural that the extension of Russian railways in the East should receive a cordial greeting in Germany.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL Hope in a letter to the *Times* explains how it comes about that our heavy guns are 'rott' n.' Being built up of thick coils of wrought iron, which has a low limit of elasticity and a high limit of elongation, wrapped round a comparatively thin central tube of hard steel, which has a very high limit of elasticity and a low limit of strength, the necessary result is that from the moment a shot is fired from one of these amazingly incendiary combinations, they begin to develop, like an ill-astressed couple, hostile and retarding action. When the gun is fired the steel is momentarily dilated and stretched to make their way to the front. Haydar was not long in overtaking the first two and managed to make the lead to the end coming in about 10 yards in front of F. Lammert, who was second. George Grimes was too heavily seconded. George Grimes was second. Haydar swam very well. He battled bravely against the tide and kept the straightest course. The time to the buoy was 4m. 3sec. and the time for the whole journey 9m. 10sec.

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That the Canton correspondent of the N.C.D. News is surely a bit of a joker. That the sticks on Praya East are worse than ever, and that the dredger does not seem to dredge.

That the Government Astronomer has still much to learn regarding the laws of storms in these seas.

That the German torpedo-boat has proved what can be done with craft of this description, and that we would be glad to see the boats promised to Hongkong.

That it was a piece of gallantry worth noting to bring such a craft out from Europe and up the China Sea in the typhoon season.

FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR. That residents would be glad to see the Acting Colonial Secretary take a more decided place in the business of the Council.

That he was properly the mouth-piece of the Government regarding the Squatters and Interpretation.

That the case against the Government is the Interpretation in the Police Court is as good as made out, and that it is perfectly plain to all who will see that the interpreters have already been left too much to take care of themselves.

That something should be done to improve matters at once, and that competent men will be forthcoming if Government will only pay for their services.

That in this instance cheese-paring cannot prove to be true economy.

That the weight of years and the effects of unquiet public services must be telling upon the Senior Unofficial Member when he is an important matter like the Cargo-boat Gravemore drop out of sight.

That the Lap-sap-wan Squatters' business has been fortunately arranged and settled with more discretion than at one time it was feared it would be.

That this squatters should not have been allowed to gather as they did, or to be placed where they were, or to remain so long as they did.

That the longer they remained, even in face of notices to quit which were never carried out, the greater their quasi-rights became.

That the mode of eviction, and the persons employed, were not the best that could have been employed.

That the Surveyor General, in his efforts to bear down all opposition, occasionally forgets that there are other Departments of Government in Hongkong besides his own.

That the Chinese, who were all squatters at one time, were encouraged to come here by the Government; and that because there are black sheep in every flock, it does not follow that these people were all thieves.

That 'Fragrant Waters' cannot murmur at any lack of capacity or of mock modesty shown by Mr J. J. Francis to perform the rôle of his own trumpet-blower.

That the Queen's Counsel thinks that there is but one man here peculiarly suited for the Council, and that his name is John Joseph Francis.

That it is not usual to turn a semi-private note into an electioneering address, and then to publish it.

That 'My dear Sassen' must have felt himself honoured at being the recipient of the whole range of views of his 'very truly Jno. J. Francis.'

That no one over questioned the ability and fighting power of Mr Francis, but that his popularity cannot be other than contrasted by that of Mr C. P. Chater, the other candidate for the Council.

That many J. P.'s regret the absence from the Colony of Mr C. D. Bottomley, as well as the unwillingness of Mr W. H. Darby to allow himself to be nominated.

That the list of Justices of the Peace, which is very incomplete, should be corrected up to date by the Government, so as to include the names of several leading men who have returned to the Colony.

That, as the 'no-dollar' cry of the Acting Governor cannot be accepted by business men, something must be done to meet Sir Robert Hart's very reasonable proposals to light the Gap Rock.

That no doubt Mr McEwen, the hon. member for the Chamber of Commerce, will move his constituents to see that this thing is done.

That although we may yet have typhoon warnings from Manila, yet the gaining strength of the North-East monsoon renders us daily less liable to any great storm here.

That Bank shares have again taken a more or less considerable run down.

That rumors of losses (in Manila, it may be) having slightly exceeded the provision made, or of critical times and general dullness of trade, may account for the slight decline.

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